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SUBJECT: SALE OF HELICOPTERS TO ROMANIA

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1. SIKORSKY IS PLANNING TO RESUBMIT A REQUEST FOR PRE-LIMINARY COMMITMENT TO EXIMBANK WITHIN TEN DAYS. THEY HAVE OBTAINED A COMMITMENT FROM MANUFACTURERS HANOVER TRUST FOR COMMERCIAL PORTION OF FINANCING.

2. BELL CONTINUES TO BELIEVE ECONOMICAL PRODUCTION OF MODEL 47 HELICOPTER IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE IN VIEW OF THE SWITCH FROM RECIPROCATING TO TURBINE POWER. LIMITED DEMAND FOR THIS ITEM RAISES PRICES OF KEY COMPONENTS TO PROHIBITIVE LEVELS AND BELL DOES NOT PLAN TO RESUME PRODUCTION OF THIS MODEL. IN BELL VIEW ROMANIANS WOULD FACE SAME PROBLEM IF THEY ATTEMPTED TO PRODUCE MODEL 47.

3. BELL BELIEVES THAT TURBINE-POWERED MODEL 206 (JET RANGER) OFFERS BEST CHANCE FOR BELL TO CONTRIBUTE TO MEETING ROMANIAN NEEDS IN THIS AREA. COMPANY CONTINUES TO BE WILLING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS ON THIS MODEL WITH

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